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In re the Application of:

**Richard L. BOYD****Serial No.: 09/977,074****Filed: October 12, 2001****For: DIAGNOSTIC INDICATOR OF  
THYMIC FUNCTION****Group Art Unit: 1636****Examiner: Not yet assigned****PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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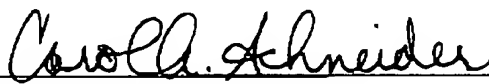
Please amend the patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Paragraph 0001, line 2, after "filed)", insert --which conversion resulted in utility  
application U.S. Serial No. 09/885,258 filed August 1, 2001, and--.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**VERSION WITH CHANGES**

**[0001]** This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 60/309,808 filed August 1, 2001 (petition to convert to utility application filed), which conversion resulted in utility application U.S. Serial No. 09/885,258 filed August 1, 2001, and which is a continuation in part of each of U.S. Serial No. 09/755,965 filed January 5, 2001, U.S. Serial No. 09/755,646 filed January 5, 2001, U.S. Serial No. 09/755,983 filed January 5, 2001, and U.S. Serial No. 09/758,910 filed January 10, 2001, each of which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/795,286 filed October 13, 2000 which is a continuation-in-part of AU provisional application PR0745 filed October 13, 2000, and of U.S. Serial No. 09/795,302 filed October 13, 2000 which is a continuation-in-part of PCT AU00/00329 filed April 17, 2000, which is a PCT filing of AU provisional application PP9778 filed April 15, 1999, each of which is incorporated herein by reference.